

GEN. ECKERT LEFT HIS SON \$50,000 TO PAY HIS DEBTS

Secretary Testifies in Will Contest General Wanted Boy to Start on "Business Basis."

PLEASED AT MARRIAGE.

Didn't Mind at All When Other Son Wedded Housekeeper, Witness Says.

When Gen. Thomas T. Eckert, one-time President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, left \$50,000 in cash to his son, James Clendinning Eckert, who is now contesting the will before Judge Greenbaum and a jury in the Supreme Court, it was for the specific purpose of satisfying the son's creditors and not to provide luxuries for the beneficiary.

Richard Page Jr., the General's secretary, told today, at the beginning of his third day on the witness stand, how his employer while going over his will preparatory to signing it had explained the purpose of the cash bequest and also made a few remarks on the "business code."

The attention of Gen. Eckert had been called by Attorney Knicker to the fact that the former had bequeathed an opportunity for the creditors of James Clendinning Eckert to levy on it.

"If my son owes any one, he should pay them," was the General's reply, according to Mr. Page. "I am leaving the money to him in this way so that he will have money to meet his obligations and clean the slate. That is the first precept of business and I intend my son shall follow it."

New light was thrown on the marriage of Thomas T. Eckert Jr., who inherited the bulk of the estate, by Mr. Page's narrative of the events of Aug. 23, 1910, at the Eckert country home at Elberon.

"It was on that day," Mr. Page testified, "that the General first learned from Mr. Eckert Jr. of his engagement to Miss Minnie Egan, his housekeeper."

He was coming toward the house with Miss Egan, his wife and daughter, when Thomas Jr. came out of the house and told us he had broken the news to the General. Then the General himself came out and called Miss Egan into the library.

"The General told me afterward that, although he hadn't been told anything of the engagement, he had been watching things develop and was not at all surprised. He said he was pleased."

CLERK FILCHES SILK TO MAKE PRESENTS TO HIS GIRL FRIENDS

John Ritter Admits Taking Hundreds of Dollars' Worth of Goods.

John Ritter, a seventeen-year-old clerk, who lives at No. 826 Hancock street, Brooklyn, has confessed to the police that during the past year he has stolen silk valued at several hundred dollars from his employers, Schwarzenbach, Huber & Co., of Thirty-second street and Fourth avenue.

In his confession, the youth implicates several other young clerks, and the total value of the merchandise stolen, it is said, will exceed a thousand dollars. Ritter says he gave much of the stolen silk to several Brooklyn girls.

Ritter had charge of the cutting of the silk, packing it into rolls and measuring it. He says he soon learned he could cut off pieces of silk without being detected. Some of the other clerks helped him sell it, he says. He was detected a few days ago and was arrested yesterday afternoon. He gave the police a list of names of the clerks who had taken silk and helped him to sell what he took.

In Jefferson Market Court this morning Ritter was held in \$2,000 bail for further examination to-morrow.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Following were the highest, lowest and last prices of stocks for today and the net change as compared with yesterday's closing prices.	Net
Am. Copper	High. 35.00; Low. 34.00; Last. 34.50; Ch. 35.00.
Am. Sugar	High. 25.00; Low. 24.00; Last. 24.50; Ch. 25.00.
Am. Tobacco	High. 15.00; Low. 14.00; Last. 14.50; Ch. 15.00.
Am. Tea	High. 10.00; Low. 9.00; Last. 9.50; Ch. 10.00.
Am. Coffee	High. 8.00; Low. 7.00; Last. 7.50; Ch. 8.00.
Am. Oil	High. 12.00; Low. 11.00; Last. 11.50; Ch. 12.00.
Am. Gas	High. 6.00; Low. 5.00; Last. 5.50; Ch. 6.00.
Am. Iron	High. 4.00; Low. 3.00; Last. 3.50; Ch. 4.00.
Am. Steel	High. 3.00; Low. 2.00; Last. 2.50; Ch. 3.00.
Am. Lumber	High. 2.00; Low. 1.00; Last. 1.50; Ch. 2.00.
Am. Paper	High. 1.00; Low. .50; Last. .75; Ch. 1.00.
Am. Cloth	High. .50; Low. .25; Last. .35; Ch. .50.
Am. Food	High. .25; Low. .10; Last. .15; Ch. .25.
Am. Drugs	High. .10; Low. .05; Last. .07; Ch. .10.
Am. Miscellaneous	High. .05; Low. .02; Last. .03; Ch. .05.

OLD POLICE CAPTAIN, A VETERAN OF FORCE, DEAD OF PNEUMONIA.



CAPT. F. W. MARTENS.

DETECTIVE, CORNERED BY GANG, SHOTS MAN WHO HAD STABBED HIM

Band Pursues Railroad Officer Into Butcher Shop and He Fights for Life.

In defending himself from a gang of young men who chased him into a butcher shop at Twenty-sixth street and Tenth avenue this afternoon and attacked him with a butcher knife, Horace McCartney, a detective employed by the New York Central Railroad, fired a shot that passed through the back of the neck of Thomas Kelly, twenty-two years old, a brakeman, of No. 52 West Twenty-ninth street. Kelly's wound is serious.

McCartney has been employed in the New York Central yards on the west side to prevent robberies from freight cars. Recently, as a result of his investigations, five men were discharged by the railroad company. He says he was warned an attempt would be made to finish him.

A crowd of half dozen young men set upon him today at Twenty-fifth street and Tenth avenue. He ran to Twenty-sixth street and locked himself in the butcher shop. The pursuing crowd broke in the door and, according to McCartney's story, Kelly, who was in the lead, grabbed up a butcher knife and attacked him, stabbing him in the right hand and wrist.

Borne down by the attack, McCartney says, he was lying helpless and only drew his gun when he saw another revolver in the crowd and Kelly was about to stab him. Policemen O'Connell and Leob, hearing the shot, ran into the shop and rescued McCartney, who was backed into a corner.

APPRAISALS OF ESTATES.

Sattle Comptroller Files Schedules for Transfer Tax.

Deputy State Comptroller Fraser transmitted the following appraisals of estates under the inheritance tax law to-day to the Transfer Tax office of the Surrogate's Court:

Albert Rodier, died Dec. 31, 1911; total estate \$12,950, net value \$11,955.
Sarah E. Skinner of Holyoke, Mass., died March 6, 1908; assets taxable in New York State, \$158,334; net value, \$158,334.
Edmund McLoughlin, died April 4, 1910; total estate, \$15,735; net value, \$12,921.
John M. Carrara, the architect who died March 1, 1912, after injuries in an automobile accident, left an estate of the gross value, report of Appraiser Cuddihy, of \$331,820; net value, \$312,091.

FOR RIGHT LINCOLN SPEECH.

Senate Told There Are 100 Different Versions—Takes Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Because protests have been made that there are many different versions of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, it is proposed to have the speech inscribed on the Lincoln Memorial to be built here. The Senate to-day adopted Senator Root's joint resolution authorizing a committee to report the correct version.

Accompanying the resolution Senator Root presented a letter from John P. Nicholson of Philadelphia, Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, who declared that more than one hundred versions of Lincoln's Gettysburg address were published.

"Even Congress has printed it incorrectly twice," wrote Mr. Nicholson.

POLE STOPS RUNAWAY TEAM.

Driver Thrown From Seat and Injured in Crash.

A team pulling a truck loaded with iron beams from the Tremont Iron Works ran away to-day in Stebbins avenue, Bronx, and brought up against a telegraph pole two blocks from the works, at No. 1324 Stebbins avenue. The driver, Samuel Malinsky, was thrown from his seat. His right wrist and two fingers were broken. He was taken to Lebanon Hospital.

The telegraph pole withstood the collision. The horses became entangled in their harness and were caught.

CAPT. MARTENS, POLICE VETERAN, DIES SUDDENLY

Aged Commander Had Served Under Byrnes, Roosevelt and Old Time Regime.

Capt. Frederick W. Martens, one of the oldest veterans in the Police Department and recently in command of the East Eighty-eighth street station, died suddenly at his home, No. 124 East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, the Bronx, early to-day.

Capt. Martens complained of gripe two weeks ago, but refused to ask for sick leave or consult a physician until last Saturday night when he returned to his home, very sick. Dr. Edward Hurd was called in and he pronounced the Captain's illness to be pneumonia. He weakened quickly and died at 6 o'clock to-day. His wife and five grown daughters were at his bedside when he passed away.

Capt. Martens was born Oct. 21, 1853. He was appointed a patrolman Sept. 27, 1878, was made a sergeant Oct. 5, 1883, a lieutenant on April 19 of the following year and in May, 1892, he got his captaincy.

Capt. Martens was one of the police officials of the old regime. Many the storm he weathered under Byrnes, Derrery, Roosevelt and McAdoo. He was frequently predicted, time and again, that he would never die in the Department, but, though he passed through many "narrow squeaks," nobody ever "got anything on him," in the vernacular of police circles.

FACED CHARGES, BUT WAS ALWAYS EXONERATED.

In his long experience as a captain, dating back to Supt. Byrnes's time, Martens served in nearly every police precinct in Manhattan. He was under fire in the Lexow investigation; up on charges as the result of the Parkhurst campaign; tried by Commissioner MacLean and hazed by Commissioner Blagden. But always Martens bobbed up smiling—and still in the Department.

The last public mention of him occurred ten days ago when Jim Purcell, the gambler, who last Friday shot at his wife and killed his twelve-year-old daughter, gave Martens a clean bill of health when he was testifying before the Aldermanic Investigating Committee regarding police graft.

Martens was first up on charges under Supt. Byrnes, who accused him of neglect of duty, together with Capt. James K. Price. They were charged with neglect in not closing pool-rooms in their respective precincts. Martens "beat the case."

WALKED BEAT AND FOILED EFFORT TO OUST HIM.

In the Lexow investigation he played a minor part as a witness and was not empanelled. When Dr. Parkhurst was on the warpath Martens came in for a raking for his alleged neglect to close disorderly houses, but again nothing was proved against him.

Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt once in police trial over Martens, accused of having accepted a bribe of \$15. When Bingham became Commissioner, Martens was one of a squad of "heavy" men who were over weight—whom Bingham tried to hush out of the Department by assigning them to night patrol. Martens did his patrol without a murmur and his boss that he would stick longer than Bingham was realized.

Mahoney Made a Captain.

Commissioner Waldo this afternoon announced the promotion of Lieut. Jeremiah Mahoney, in charge of a Headquarters squad, to a captaincy to fill the vacancy made by the death of Capt. Martens. Mahoney was assigned to the command of the East Eighty-eighth street station. He has been on the force many years.

CAUGHT AS HE GREETED WIFE.

Alleged Embassador to Be Taken to Antwerp.

Amen Van Belleghin, who was arrested yesterday by Detectives Leeson and Moody as he stepped up to the gangplank of the Red Star liner Finland to greet his wife Jeanne, just landing from Antwerp, was arraigned to-day before Magistrate Krotel in Jefferson Market Court. He was turned over to a representative of the Belgian Consulate to be held to await extradition papers. It is said he is wanted in Antwerp on a charge of embezzling several hundred dollars from the Belgian Postal Department.

Mrs. Van Belleghin was held up by an immigration officer when she arrived yesterday, and was kept on board the ship. The detectives secured her temporary release knowing that she expected to meet her husband, for whom they had a warrant.

SULZER HAS WALDO'S REPLY.

Governor Will Study It Before Telling Contents.

ALBANY, Feb. 20.—Police Commissioner Waldo's reply to the charges filed against him was received by Gov. Sulzer to-day, but will not be given out until he has had time to examine it. It is understood to be a general denial.

Plasterer Is Killed.

Richard McKean, thirty-three years old, plasterer, at work in a new building being constructed at the corner of Madison avenue and Forty-second street, was instantly killed to-day when a piece of tiling struck him on the head. He lived at No. 317 East Sixty-sixth street.

Coal Horse Wood's Head.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 20.—A lump of coal which fell from a passing train on the Ontario & Western Railroad near here struck George Wood on the head as he stood near the track. He is in the hospital with a severe wound and it is feared he has a fractured skull.

ESTIMATE BOARD IN BIG ROW OVER QUEENS SUBWAY

President Connolly Angry Because Contract Is Not Approved and Mitchell Joins In.

There was an open rupture over a discussion of subway development between Mayor Gaynor, Borough President Connolly and Aldermanic President Mitchell at the meeting of the Board of Estimate to-day. Connolly and Mitchell lined up against the Mayor and the remaining members of the Board. Mr. Mitchell's stand was not surprising but the antagonistic position taken by President Connolly seemed to stagger the Mayor.

The outbreak followed an effort on the part of Connolly and Mitchell to have the Board approve the construction contract for two sections of the Astoria, Woodside and Corona rapid transit line as mapped. Recently the contract was awarded to the E. E. Smith Company, but the work of construction cannot proceed until the Board of Estimate approves the contract as granted by the Public Service Commission.

Borough President McAneny agreed with the Mayor to defer action until the operating contracts of the dual system are disposed of. Then he said the Smith contract would probably be approved.

Mitchell and Connolly both fared up at this and demanded that immediate action be taken on the Smith contract. "I demand to be heard right now and here on this matter," shouted President Connolly. "This contract should be approved to-day. You have already approved contracts for construction of subways in the Bronx and Brooklyn, and why discriminate now against Queens? The people there hope you want to give Queens borough subways—rapid transit—but if you do not act favorably on this plan to-day they will lose confidence."

"That is correct, Mr. Connolly," interrupted President Mitchell. "Don't you see that if this board fails to-day to approve the Smith contract the sentiment of the people of Queens will be forced to support the dual plan, which has been criticized?"

"I know it. I know it," retorted Mr. Connolly, "and that is why I am making a fight now."

"Call the roll! Call the roll!" interrupted Mayor Gaynor, and the vote was recorded, with Mr. Connolly protesting vehemently against steam-roller methods in postponing the matter.

CANAL EXPERT SAILS ON EVE OF GOVERNMENT SUIT.

M. Varilla, Said to Have "Inside Information" About Panama Deal, Departs With Closed Lips.

M. Philippe de Buneau Varilla, friend of former President Theodore Roosevelt, and credited with knowing a great deal about the inside of the Panama revolution which resulted in the United States control of the canal zone, sailed for France to-day on La Provence of the French line. The canal expert's departure took place on the eve of the calling to trial, at Washington, D. C., of the suit for \$600,000 in damages brought against the United States by the United States of Colombia.

M. Varilla, usually a most communicative person, boiled straight to his stateroom when he reached the ship, which was not till within a few minutes of sailing time. He locked the door and refused to see anybody.

"Is it true you were to have been called as a witness in the suit of the Colombia against this Government?" he was asked.

"Go away! Go away! I have nothing to say—nothing!" shrieked M. Varilla.

PASTORS AT PRIZE FIGHT.

Going to Gather Evidence for Grand Jury at St. Joseph, Mo.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 20.—A committee of pastors of local churches will attend a prize fight here to-morrow night for the purpose of obtaining information to lay before the Grand Jury. When the Ministerial Alliance appealed to the authorities to prevent the match they were told the contest, as advertised, would be within the law and that no action could be taken preceding the fight.

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SEVEN CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMING HOME; ALL OF ONE FAMILY

Parents Return to Find Their Little Ones Dead and Dwelling in Ruins.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 20.—Seven children, ranging in age from one to twelve years, were burned to death last night when the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, at Ebenezer, near here, was destroyed by fire.

The parents were absent from home at the time.

The father and mother had been in this city purchasing supplies for the family and made the sad discovery upon their return. Many of the packages the parents carried were toys and candles for the children. Small charged bodies, almost unrecognizable among the smoldering ruins, were all the evidence of what had been a group of romping children early in the afternoon. The family had expected to move to a nearby farm to-day.

HIS SENATE PRAYER HALTED.

"Stop Making a Political Speech," Minister Was Told.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 20.—Lieut. Gov. O'Neill caused a sensation in the Senate to-day when he stopped Rev. E. R. Henry of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of this city, who was making the opening prayer, and said: "Stop making a political speech."

The minister had prayed for the approval of the run traffic from the State and for the way when Indiana would refuse to sell to men the right to make other men drunkards, murderers, filling prisons and benevolent institutions. The Lieutenant-Governor, who had been showing signs of impatience, vigorously banged the marble slab with his gavel and commanded the minister to stop. He ordered the Journal to be read and Rev. Henry immediately left the chamber.

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in the matter of divorce, living in Canada. They went on a honeymoon to Rochester and then the father heard about the Canadian wife. Mr. Weiland hurried to Rochester, took on the Baron and then took his daughter home, after turning the inside remains over to the police.

Mr. Weiland presented the case to the end.

WED, BUT TRY TO HIDE AGES.

Newark Couple Go to Brooklyn for a License.

It was learned to-day that Alphonse A. Vanderpool, sixty-five years old, of No. 22 South Ninthteenth street, Newark, N. J., obtained a license to marry Margaret W. Vail, sixty-four years old, of No. 56 Wright street, Newark, and the couple were married last evening by the Rev. George H. Meredith in Brooklyn. This is Mrs. Vanderpool's first marriage and her husband's second marriage.

When asked why they came to Brooklyn for a license they replied in unison: "We wanted to conceal our ages from our friends at home."

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